U. D. C. HEARS PAPERS ON CONFEDERATE NAVY

The Appomattox Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy met last Thursday evening with Mrs. W. B. Caldwell. Mrs. Caldwell, Miss Kate Franklin, and Mrs. C. S. Jenkins were co-hostesses. Mrs. Jerry A. Burke, president, presided over the business meeting.

Hal Flood and Charles Gills were guest speakers at the meeting, using the topic: The Confederate Navy.

Their talks are printed below:

Confederate Naval Operations, In The Atlantic

By Hal Flood

The Confederate Navy came into being on February 21, 1861, with the Honorable Stephen R. Mallory serving as its Secretary of Navy. He was a man of strong emotional feelings, earnest and kind, but ignorant of his new duties. He was by education a lawyer; by profession a local politician.

Mr. Mallory was a former U. S. Senator from the State of Florida, and served as the head of the Senate Naval Committee. He developed an interest in the maritime service, chiefly because his home town was a naval station of a sort, and a Senator has to specialize in something.

As Secretary of the Confederate Navy, his chief need was a Navy. The Confederacy had few ships, none of which were actually seaworthy because of their faulty, inadequate engines, and high drafts which made it impossible for them to sail in shallow water. In general it can be said, the ships were hard to maneuver because of these and other reasons. The fact that the people of the South had had no experience with ship building, they were not industrialists but agriculturists, accounts for this fact.

The Confederate Navy, however, was the 1rst to introduce the ironclad vessel, and it must be remembered that what they lacked in equipment was, in so far as it was possible to be, made up for in the valor, courage, and bravery of the Confederate seamen, and we have every reason to believe if their Navy had been comparable to the Union Navy with its superior equipment and ships, the struggle between the States would have lasted a much shorter time, and the final result would have been different.

When Virginia seceded from the Union in April, 1861, President Lincoln ordered the Southern ports blockaded, and sent Mr. McClary, Secretary of the U. S. Navy, to Norfolk to get his ships. When he arrived two of the ships—the Merrimac and the Germantown — had been burned, along with other military property. Those ships that were navigable were sailed out of Norfolk under the order to "Fire only if fired upon."

It can be said that the blocade of the Southern ports was never as effective as the North boasted, nor as ineffective as the Confederates wished.

The Confederates took advantage of having the hull of the Merrimac, rebuilt it, and named it the Virginia. It was a peculiar looking vessel with 15 280-pounders and a ram forward that was capable of sinking enemy vessels, but it was also difficult to maneuver, had a high draft and the faulty engines that were found in all Confederate ships.

On the afternoon of March 8, 1862, the Virginia entered Hampton Roads to engage a number of Union ships anchored near Fortress Monroe. After a few hours of fighting the Congress, and Cumberland (Union ships) were sunk. The Cumberland was the first to go down. One shot of the Virginia's mighty guns hit it below the water line and water ran into it like a river on a rampage. In a short time it had settled below the surface of the water.

When this news reached Washington, Mr. Lincoln called his cabinet together to discuss measures to hasten the destruction of the Virginia. There was much speculation and consternation that the Virginia might be brought up the Potomac and launch an attack on the Yankee capitol. So during the night of March 8-9, the Union Navy brought down a new type of ship into Hampton Roads, its ship the Monitor. This vessel has been described as looking like a "Cheese box on a raft." It was in fact a Federal ironclad designed by John Ericsson, a Swedish engineer, with a single revolving turret and was an easily maneuvered ship.

Historians are contradictory as to what happened at Hampden Roads when the Virginia met the Monitor, but it is known the battle lasted for four hours; some say the Virginia decided to go back to Norfolk to seek shelter; others say the Monitor sailed into shallow water to protect other ships at Fortress Monroe and because of the Virginia's high draft it could not follow. So it is our privilege to draw our own conclusions, and being a true Southerner, it is my opinion that the Yankees "turned chicken and ran." We do know that the Virginia came back day after day to challenge the Monitor, but it would not fight.

This battle was one of the most important naval battles ever fought, for it made all of the old navies useless.

President Davis, fearing that Richmond might be seized, ordered the Virginia to be brought to the Capitol of the Confederacy for its protection. She was stripped of all armament to make her as light as possible for the trip up the James. However, after proceeding about a mile and a half on this trip, she was no longer able to combat the currents because of her feeble engines. The captain ordered the crew off, ran the ship aground, and burned her. Later the captain was court martialed for this act, but was found not guilty.

Then the Monitor, along with other Union ships, was ordered to Wilmington, North Carolina, to help with the campaign to crush Confederate resistance, but during her journey she ran into a gale and sank off Hatteras — the graveyard of the Atlantic.

The Confederates had two ironclads at Wilmington — the Raleigh and the North Carolina — as well as protection from Forts Fisher and Caswell, with a sand bar and reef between them, but these two noble ships met their death there. The Raleigh was the first to go, its destruction came in the early moments of the battle. After delivering a broadside her engines conked out as she turned, and she was immediately captured by the Union forces and burned. The North Carolina, however, lasted a longer time but was run aground on a reef and her faulty engines could not pull her off.

In this way, two great Southern vessels met their doom and thus ended the seige of Wilmington from the sea.

The Confederate Navy Mississippi River

By Charles Gills

Union victory without its naval contributions is inconceivable. The Confederate naval inferiority was not due to the newness of the Confederate nation, but to the fact that the Southerners had never been a sea-faring people. Industrial means and ship-building technique was limited in the South. For acquiring new ships the Confederacy looked to England and Europe.

There were five great naval revolutions under way during the Civil War. They were: steam, shell guns, the screw propeller, rifled ordinance, and steel armour. The Confederacy was first to introduce combat, an effective warship with heavy iron armour. It was first also to bring torpedoes into existence in warfare.

The capture of New Orleans (April of 1862) was a turning point in the naval war on the Mississippi The city was defended by 3,000 troops under Gen. Mansfield Lovell, Fort St. Philips and Fort Jackson, 75 miles below New Orleans, guarded the entrance to the Mississippi. The attack on this "well protected" city was led by Flag Officer D. G. Farragut with a fleet of gunboats and an army of 18,000 under Major Gen. B. F. Butler. The city surrendered in seven days and the occupation by Gen. Butler was a notorious one.

The most spectacular success of the Confederacy was the defeat of Gen. Nathaniel P. Banks' Red River Expedition. He was in charge of 25,000 men and a fleet of gunboats, He was defeated by Gen. Richard Taylor, who had only 18,000 men.

The main weakness of the Confederate Navy was the lack of adequate engines for its ships. In spite of this the Southerners caused great damage to the North. The "Alabama" alone was responsible for over $6,750,000 worth of damages to Northern shipping.

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Colored Dots

The general public is invited to attend a county-wide choir contest at the Carver-Price High School this Sunday at 3 P. M. The program is sponsored for the benefit of the Carver P.-T. A. Dinner will be served at the close of the program.

Impressive services were held at the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday. Thg Rev. C. L. Elliott was the guest speaker. He was assisted by the Rev. J. W. Cabell, of Buckingham. A large number of visitors attended the service. The offering for the day was very good.

The Rev. C. A. Marshall reported a successful home-coming day service and rally at the Hat Creek Baptist Church last Sunday. Rev. Marshall, pastor elect of the church, preached the morning sermon, and the Rev. A. F. Brown delivered the afternoon sermon. Dinner was served by the ladies of the church. A grand total of $572.62 was taken up during the day.

Regular evening services will be held at the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church this Sunday evening at 7:30. The Appomattox Trumpeteers will render the special program.

The Ladies of the Year Contest will come to a close this Monday at 7:30 P. M., with a special program sponsored by the local Trumpeteers and several local singing groups in the auditorium. The patron who reports the largest sum of money over $25.00 will be crowned. Each contestant is asked to report to the special committee no later than 8 P. M.

Rev. and Mrs. R. Q. Lawing and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lawing motored to Baltimore last Saturday as the guest of their daughter and family. While there they attended services at the Union Baptist Church in Sparrows, Point, Md.

All members and friends are asked to attend the regular preaching services at the Promise Land Baptist Church this Sunday at 11:30 A. M. The Rev. C. L. Elliott will be the guest speaker.

Miss Helen Stephens left Monday for Baltimore, where she will spend a short vacation with her relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Harvey and Mr. and Mrs. Lipford and daughter spent the week-end in Baltimore as the guests of relatives.

FARM NEWS

Operate Corn Picker Safely

The mechanical corn picker can be the most dangerous of farm machines, and should be treated with respect, warns J. A. Smith, county agricultural agent.

It's the corn picker's job to save time, money, and back-breaking toil, but it's the machine operator's job to save his own life.

Each year, the mangled fingers, hands, arms, and legs tell a sad story of unsafe practices in the field. The National Safety Council says that this heavy machine produced, or even should produce, few accidents. Farmers who use the corn picker observe these few rules:

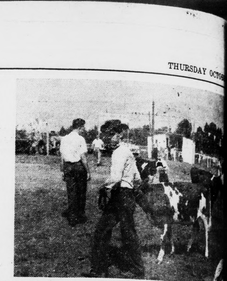
Stop the picker before adjusting, or unclogging the power ever disengage the tractor seat.

Keep shields in place. Operate the machines with all shields. Use tractor controls for fire prevention as well as power. Keep a fire extinguisher handy.

Dress for the job. Wear close-fitting clothing and safety shoes. Wear gloves are always dangerous.

Watch out for falling ears. Never climb on machines while they are operating. Make sure you have a firm footing before climbing on and off of the machine.

On the highway, use a slow-moving vehicle sign. Use effective lighting and follow traffic rules.



BLUE RIBBON HEIFER — Myron glistered heifer was proudly led by Laurel Clift in the standing work in the 4-H Club division at the Appomattox Fair in Farmville. The purebred registered Guernsey F. A. Chapter and Project coming established in 1958.

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The Rev. Richard A. Bergdoll was guest speaker at a dinner meeting of the W. S. C. S. of the Methodist Church in Brookneal on Wednesday evening.

Ben Parris has returned here after being a patient in the Virginia Baptist Hospital for several weeks. Mr. Parris plans to move to Lynchburg next month.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Conner, Jr. visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Conner, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Burrell, of Pamplin, last week-end.

The Tuesday Evening Bridge Club met with Mrs. R. W. Stanley. Mrs. S. A. Lawson won the high score prize and Mrs. D. E. Caldwell Jr. was awarded consolation prize.

Mrs. Rachel F. Lawson was called to Lynchburg Tuesday night on account of the illness of her grandson, Johnny Lawson, who was a patient in the Lynchburg General Hospital. His condition is reported to be satisfactory at this time.

The Florence Barlow Circle of the W. S. C. S. of the Memorial Methodist Church had a covered dish dinner Wednesday evening, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Lawson. Mrs. Crawford L. Davidson is Circle Chairman.

Airman 3-C Donald E. Franklin, stationed at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, recently completed his basic training and spent a 7-day leave at home. He reported back to base to begin a course in Medics. He is the son of Mrs. Jessie Paulette, of Charlotte C. H., Va.

James A. Conner Jr., husband of Mrs. Judy I. Conner, of Pamplin, has been promoted to the rank of corporal. Cpl. Conner, whose parents, live on Route 1, Appomattox, was promoted while serving as gunner with the 10th Marine Regiment, a unit of the 2nd Marine Division at Camp Lejeune, N. C.

C. Lewis McDearmon and H. C. Pulliam motored to Petersburg on Tuesday night, where they attended a banquet given by the Petersburg Savings and American Trust Bank, of which Mr. R. F. B. Steele is president. Mr. Jerry A. Burke, Jr., of Richmond, was the guest speaker at the banquet.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Franklin had as their week-end guests Mrs. Franklin's sister, Miss Anne Trent, of Brookneal, and her roommate, Miss Anne Jenkins, of Bartow, Florida, who are seniors at Lynchburg College.

Mrs. H. D. Wooldridge, of Roanoke and Mrs. W. D. Brisentine and daughter, Sarah Jane, of Prospect, and Mrs. Hunter Jamerson visited their sister, Miss Abbie Meredith, who underwent surgery last Thursday at the Medical College Hospital in Richmond.

MISS FERRELL TO WED MR. JAMERSON

Mrs. Walter Pritchett Ferrell announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Beulah Lutrell, to Mr. Raymond Francis Jamerson, of Appomattox, son of Mrs. Roland Jamerson and the late Mr. Jamerson.

A December wedding is being planned.

Birthday List

Mary I. Babcock, Oct. 23.
Kathryn Burkey, Oct. 23.
W. W. Sweeney, Oct. 22.
Paul Cawthorn, Oct. 18.

Oakville

Oakville, Oct. 22.- We congratulate Mrs. Charlie Coleman on her ninety-seventh birthday, Saturday. Over thirty relatives and friends called to see her.

Mrs. Ellen H. Moore spent the day Thursday with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Clarke Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Marshall returned home Tuesday from their vacation. While in Georgia they visited Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Covington and Mr. and Mrs. Garland Burcher, in Jacksonville, Florida.

We are very sorry to hear that Mrs. Berkley Drinkard is ill. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Louis Moore visited her sister, Mrs. Lewis Bussey in Roanoke Tuesday.

Mrs. Harvey's 4-H Club

Mrs. Harvey's 4-H Club met at Pamplin on Oct. 10. There was a movie on "Missouri Cotton Tail Rabbit" for information to all 4-H Club members. The secretary's record books were given out. Also record books on Wildlife. The next meeting will be held on Nov. 14.

Anderson 4-H Club

Officers of the Anderson 4-H Club of Pamplin are:
President, Janice Gilliam
Vice-pres., Faye Elder
Secretary, Patricia White
Reporter, Shirley Drinkard
Song leaders: Kenneth Richardson and Jane Williams.

Pamplin

Pamplin, Oct. 22.- Week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. D. Canada were Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Pelot, Jr., of Washington, D. C. and Mrs. John Buscemi and children, Carolyn Ann and Rickey, of Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Canada and daughter, of Richmond, were week-end guests of relatives here.

Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Southall, Jr., and sons, A. R. Southall III and Frank Howard, of Louisa, and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Watson, Southall and children, Bobby and Carolyn Sue, of Bon Air were dinner guests Saturday in the home of Mrs. L. M. Southall and Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson.

Mrs. Elsie Moffet, of Lynchburg, was a recent guest in the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. H. McCall.

PROCLAMATION ON BLOOD PROGRAM OF RED CROSS

Appomattox Mayor, C. T. Moses, Jr., has issued a proclamation calling all citizens to support the Red Cross Blood Bank program. The Bloodmobile will be in Appomattox during November.

He said:

"Whereas, the voluntary nature of the Red Cross Blood Program is a tribute to the inherent brotherliness of man; and

"Whereas, whole blood is outdated after 21 days, and then the blood plasma is separated from the red cells. From this plasma comes gamma gobulin, which modifies or prevents such measles infectious hepatitis; fibrinogen, for control of certain types of bleeding; and serum albumen, for treating severe shock, burns and kidney diseases. Through health departments and regional blood centers, Red Cross distributes these plasma products free of charge; and

Whereas, the Appomattox County Chapter of the American Red Cross as a participant of the Roanoke Regional Red Cross blood center did provide for the people of Appomattox for the period July of 1956 - June, 1957, 129 pints of whole blood while voluntary donors of Appomattox, during that same period donated 99 pints to the blood bank. Likewise for the period July 1957—June 1958, 176 pints of whole blood were provided while 147 pints were voluntarily donated by Appomattox residents; and

"Whereas, the Red Cross blood bank has saved the lives of many Appomattox citizens, now, therefore be it

"Proclaimed, that the citizens of Appomattox extend their thanks to all volunteer groups of the participating Red Cross chapters of the Roanoke blood center for their outstanding work in maintaining and supplying life saving whole blood and degivitatives to the public; and be it further

"Proclaimed that the 14th day of November, 1958, and the 21st day of April, 1.59, be hereby designated as Appomattox Bloodmobile Days, with the slogan, "The blood you lend may save a friend,' and be it further

"Proclained that ... all citizens of Appomattox express their appreciation to the Red Cross Blood Program for the work that is being done, and pledge themselves to give a pint of blood a year, thereby assuring the American National Red Cross of their continued interest and support of this blood program.

EIGHT TICKETS LATER

Miami, Fla.- A traffic policeman lined up eight motorists and started writing tickets for failure to heed a stop sign.

Seven accepted the tickets, saying they hadn't seen the sign. The eighth man asked to be shown the sign.

"So you can't see a big red sign on a tall green pole?" asked the officer. "Come on."

They walked back to the corner, but there was no stop sign.

"Somebody must have stolen it," said the red-faced officer as he tore up the tickets.

SPARROW IN A SPLINT

Detroit.- A sparrow in flight recently collided with a car driven by Lawrence Lilley — and wound up as a truck-plant hospital patient.

Lilley, a hospital nurse, took the injured bird inside, gave it spirits of ammonia and an infra-red lamp treatment and fixed a splint for its broken left leg. He anticipates letting the sparrow fly away, happy and well, when nature has taken its course.

MAKING IT EASY

Buffalo.- After eleven years at the same address in Buffalo, the Fultons and the Elmores are moving out of their two-family house. They wanted to remember each other's new address. Chances are they probably will never forget it.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Elmore will be living in Kendallville, Ind., 400 miles away, and Mr. and Mrs. David Fulton in nearby Hamburg.

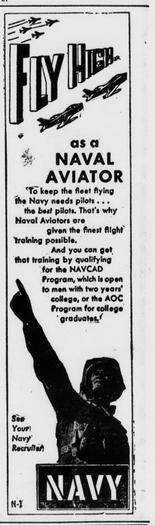
But they will still share the same street address — 232 Clark Street, in both Hamburg and Kendallville.

Siren Song

An aspiring vocalist had just completed a lesson.

"Professor," she asked, "do you think I will ever be able to do anything with my voice?"

"Well," replied her instructor, "it might come in handy in case of a fire."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